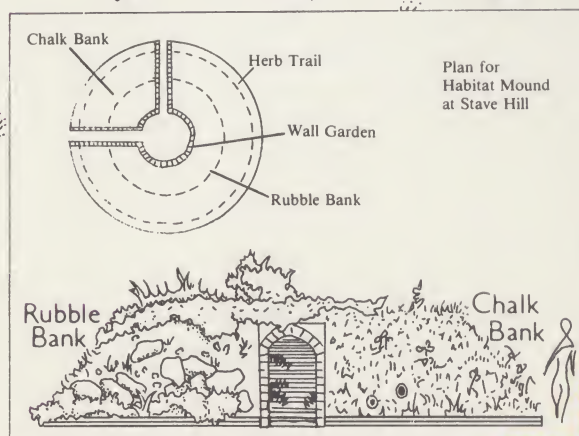


advice & assistance

The Trust produced the first comprehensive handbook on urban conservation: 'Promoting Nature in Cities & Towns' in 1986. Covering all aspects from the establishment of a local urban wildlife group to detailed design and management of nature parks and gardens, this book appeals to professionals and amateurs. We also produce a range of other publications.

Our expertise, built-up over many years of setting-up and running urban nature areas of all kinds is now being made available via our technical advice and assistance service. We can provide help with design, initial project management, development of educational potential and long-term management. A great deal of practical environmental work can be done by volunteers, but voluntary action needs organizational and technical support by qualified professionals. The Trust is well-placed to facilitate partnership between public, private and voluntary organizations and ensure that money is well spent on projects that will succeed in the long term. This service is also available to public and private sector organizations.



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We would also like to thank the many other individuals, companies and organizations who assist us.

The Trust welcomes support from all organizations and individuals that share our aims. Many of our projects offer opportunities for commercial sponsorship.

For further information, publications lists, details of courses and conferences, advice & assistance services please send an SAE to: Trust for Urban Ecology, PO Box 514, London SE16 1AS or Telephone 01 237 9165.

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aims

The Trust for Urban Ecology exists to promote the development of knowledge and expertise in the fields of urban ecology and nature conservation. We aim to:

Develop the means to conserve, create and enhance natural elements of the urban landscape.

Stimulate public interest in and appreciation of nature in towns and cities.

Promote the use of urban nature areas for the health, enjoyment and education of all sections of the community.

Provide information, advice and expertise on the design, creation and management of urban greenspaces.

history

The Trust for Urban Ecology (formerly the Ecological Parks Trust) was founded in 1977 by the eminent environmentalist Max Nicholson to run Britain's first urban nature park, the William Curtis Ecological Park.

Originally an old lorry park near Tower Bridge, the 2 acre site was transformed into a mosaic of different habitats including woodland, flower-rich grassland and a pond. The park was closely monitored to follow the progress of introduced plants and animals — and those that arrived of their own accord.

By the time the park closed in 1985 tens of thousands of people had enjoyed the experience of wildlife in the heart of London and many had returned home to begin similar ventures in their own towns and cities.

In recent years the Trust has undertaken a variety of innovatory activities: producing a handbook on the subject of setting-up and running urban nature parks, conducting the first review of research in urban ecology, designing and managing 3 nature parks, organizing conferences & training courses, and developing a technical advise and assistance service.



nature parks

TRUE runs its nature parks for and with the local community, but they also serve as practical examples to those wishing to learn from our experience and as places to test new initiatives and techniques.

DULWICH UPPER WOOD

A 5 acre nature park developed from a patch of ancient woodland and the old gardens of now demolished Victorian houses, the wood supports 150+ plant species, over 200 types of fungi and 43 species of birds nest in the wood. An ambitious programme to improve access for disabled people is underway. The park is wardened and open to the public at all times.

Farquhar Rd., Crystal Palace,
London SE19 1SS.
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LAVENDER POND

A 2 acre site with a large freshwater pond, reedbeds, alder carr and mixed woodland. The park was created in 1981 and has been developed as an educational facility. Current development work is focusing on creating specialist nurseries for marsh and aquatic plants and wildflowers where children can learn to grow native plants. The park is wardened and the adjacent Pumphouse provides educational and community facilities.

Lavender Rd. (off Rotherhithe St.),
London SE16.
Tel: 01-232 0498



STAVE HILL

Situated in the centre of the Surrey Docks redevelopment area, this 5 acre park is the successor to the William Curtis Ecological Park. A mosaic of woodland, scrub, grassland and wetland habitats have been created on formerly derelict dockland. Part of the park is being developed as an Education Area, with special facilities for disabled and blind people being incorporated into an ambitious programme to demonstrate methods of habitat creation. Three new schools are planned for adjacent sites and we hope to involve pupils in our programme of research and monitoring. The park is wardened and open to the public at all times.

Timber Pond Rd., Rotherhithe,
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education & training

The Trust has always placed great emphasis on the value of urban nature parks for education. Over 3,000 children a year visit our sites. And they don't only learn about ecology and the environment. Teachers can use a visit to a nature park to develop projects which involve the use of language, art, mathematics, crafts, the physical and social sciences.

The Trust also provides a variety of training opportunities through schemes like ET and by running specialist courses on all aspects of urban ecology and wildlife management.

research

In addition to the work of monitoring our nature parks, the Trust has carried out a comprehensive review of British research in urban ecology for the Nature Conservancy Council (NCC) which summarized the current state of knowledge and identified priorities for future research. Another NCC-funded project looked at ways in which people use urban wildlife sites, with the aim of identifying key factors which encourage or discourage use by different sections of the community.

We are currently engaged in studies of the ecology & conservation of urban fungi, about which almost nothing is known, and also carry out detailed applied research into methods of habitat creation.

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Trust staff are experienced professionals in the fields of ecology, conservation, design, site management and environmental policy. We can offer the full range of ecological surveys and scientific monitoring, project evaluation and appraisal, specialist applied research on habitat creation techniques, research reviews and conservation policy studies.

We are willing to undertake long-term monitoring of sites, participate in or run research projects for public or private sector organizations, and provide confidential environmental impact assessments.

Services will normally be provided on a contract basis, although sponsorship arrangements will be considered and voluntary groups may receive discounts.

Fees are reasonable and all profits will be used to enable the Trust to pursue its charitable objectives. Rates for consultancy and contract work are available on request.

Habitat Creation

*Woodlands * Meadows * Wetlands
Special Features*

Design, Management & Maintenance

*Nature Parks * Community Gardens * School Nature Areas
Ecological Plantings * Urban Woodlands * Grasslands
Access * Interpretation*

Ecological Surveys

*Fungi * Birds * Flowers & Grasses * Invertebrates
Mosses & Lichens * Aquatic Plants*

Training

*Practical Skills * Theory * Tailored Courses*

Research & Development

*Monitoring * Assessment * Reviews * Policy
Social Sciences * Natural Sciences*

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ECOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The Trust for Urban Ecology offers expertise in the ecological management of urban greenspaces based on 13 years of experience in the field of urban ecology & nature conservation.

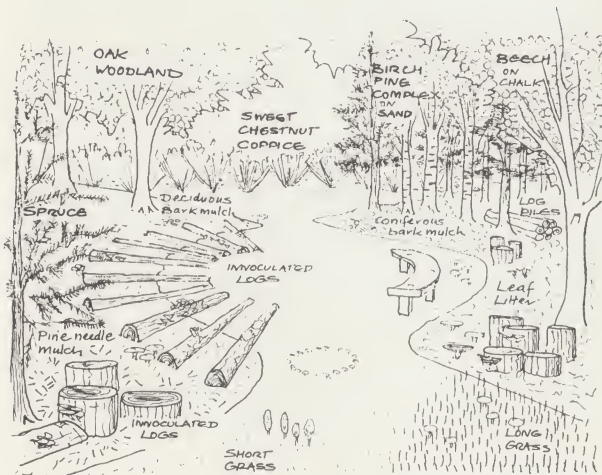
We are now offering a range of services to public, private and voluntary sector organizations including: habitat design, creation & management, research & development and specialist training.

DESIGN

We set up Britain's first urban nature park and have been involved in the design, creation and management of over 30 nature parks, school nature areas, community/wildlife gardens and other urban greenspaces.

TRUE can offer a comprehensive design service for all types of project from school nature areas and individual habitat features to largescale planting schemes for public or private land.

We have considerable expertise in the educational use of urban greenspaces and will work with schools and voluntary-sector groups to assist them in developing and implementing their own designs.



Fungi Garden

CREATION & MANAGEMENT

Creating new nature areas or managing existing greenspace for the benefit of wildlife not only produces attractive and interesting landscapes, it can reduce both capital and revenue costs. This approach to land management is not restricted to long-term projects or areas open to the public. It is equally suited to short-term sites and private land.

Ecological management techniques can quickly, effectively and economically improve the appearance of derelict land, land awaiting development and areas of industrial sites not required for current operations. Vegetating areas can also enhance working conditions and site safety by improving the general environment and dealing with problems like dust-blow and flooding. Careful design can also enhance security. In some cases, the presence of mature vegetation may increase a site's development value.

The management of privately-owned land for nature conservation offers significant benefits for wildlife by providing additional undisturbed habitats. It also provides opportunities for organizations to make a positive contribution to improving the environment and respond to increasing public concern about 'Green' issues. The Trust for Urban Ecology is uniquely qualified to assist land-owners develop the right policies for the land they control and provide a comprehensive management service.

TRAINING

The Trust can offer a variety of training services to public and private sector organizations based on our own sites or elsewhere.

Short courses, which can be tailored to the client's exact requirements, can cover specialist topics such as wetland construction and management or impart the theoretical knowledge and practical skills to manage a particular site or habitat.

Individual placements, via the Employment Training Scheme or on a contract basis, can provide in-depth training in site management at one or all of our demonstration sites.

Work experience can also be provided for suitably qualified individuals.

TRUE also organizes workshops and conferences on a variety of topics concerned with the management and use of urban nature areas and wider issues in Urban Ecology and Conservation.

